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Canada's Wheat Yield Higher Per Acre Than Any Other Wheat Exporting Country

More interesting facts in the wheat fields of Canada are given in a statement recently published by H. S. Hopkins, Field Husbandman at the Canadian Federal Department of Agriculture, which in part reads as follows:

"As the value of the wheat crop on the prairie is normally about fifty per cent. of the total value of the entire annual agricultural production of the prairie provinces, it is interesting to learn how the yields of this important crop in Canada compare with those in other countries. Briefly stated, Canada has a much higher average yield per acre than any other important wheat exporting country. Some countries which import wheat have a higher average yield per acre than Canada, but only a few of these, such as the United Kingdom, Germany and Denmark, which have a yield considerably higher, while the total quantity produced by these countries is relatively very small. Moreover, the expense of producing wheat in these countries is extremely high. Even such an important wheat producing country as France has an average yield of only two bushels per acre higher than Canada, while both Italy and Roumania have lower yields per acre."

"The average yield per acre of wheat, over a period of 23 years, for the following chief exporting countries of the world, is as follows: United States 14.1; Canada 14.1; Argentina 14.6; and Australia 13.3. In Russia the average yield per acre is 15 bushels per acre. It will be seen, therefore, that Canada enjoys some considerable advantage over other wheat exporting countries. This is due in part to a natural adaptation of the soil and climate in this country to wheat, and also to the intensive cultivation as well as to better varieties of wheat which have been introduced by scientific agriculture."

Canada's Livestock Industry

Value of This Industry in Canada Today Approaches One Billion Dollars

Canada's livestock industry is one of the main sources of wealth in the country, and its value is increasing rapidly. According to a statement issued by the Dominion Department of Agriculture, the value of this industry in the Dominion today approaches one billion dollars and is increasing rapidly. The value of this industry in the Dominion today approaches one billion dollars and is increasing rapidly. The value of this industry in the Dominion today approaches one billion dollars and is increasing rapidly.

Increased Butter Production

Mixed Farming Apparently Gaining Headway in Saskatchewan

Butter production in the Dominion has increased in the month of November, according to a report of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Next to the United Kingdom, which took 2,847,000 lbs. of butter, the next best customer was the Netherlands with 1,653,000 lbs. Germany took 925,000 lbs. and France 760,000 lbs. Russia 540,000 lbs. Estonia 380,000 lbs. and British South Africa 310,000 lbs.

Exports of Wheat

Seventeen Different Countries Purchase Wheat From Dominion

Canada exported 24,852,000 bushels of wheat to 17 different countries during the month of November, according to a report of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Next to the United Kingdom, which took 2,847,000 lbs. of butter, the next best customer was the Netherlands with 1,653,000 lbs. Germany took 925,000 lbs. and France 760,000 lbs. Russia 540,000 lbs. Estonia 380,000 lbs. and British South Africa 310,000 lbs.

Has Need Tax Hurry

An old Kelo farmer, who had been respected all his life, was once asked by a neighbor to do a favor for him. The wife felt it her duty to do this small commission as she might, and said:

"Heavy Traffic to Europe Expected

Preparations are being made by steamship companies for handling an anticipated heavy passenger traffic to Europe next year. This anticipation is based on the ever-increasing popularity of economical third-class tours and the large number of tourists throughout Canada and the United States, who are taking educational trips to Europe."

Retting Flax Straw For Fibre

New Method Gained the Kaysers

There has been little change for many years in the system of retting flax and hemp for the production of fibre for manufacturing purposes. It has long been the custom to spread the hemp or flax straw on pasture fields for the retting or submergence in the crop in ponds. These two methods being slow and unsuitable when large amounts of straw must be retted, new methods of retting are being studied. The Fibre Division of the Experimental Farms has made a test of a new method called the Kaysers process. It involves the addition of a bacterial culture to the retting water, which is kept at 77 degrees Fahrenheit. The work was done during the winter months. The drying of the crop after the retting had been completed was done in a room kept at a temperature of approximately 55 degrees F. This induced sufficiently slow drying to prevent injury to the fibre. After drying was completed strength tests were made and the straw was broken and cut in the usual manner. The fibre obtained by this method was very strong and out very green in color and although of good strength was of a harder nature than is favored by spinners.

Mineral Production In Canada

Total Estimated Value is Placed at \$20,442,000 For 1924

The total estimated value of all mineral production in Canada during 1924 was \$20,442,000, according to a preliminary estimate recently issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Gold and zinc production in Canada reached new high levels last year, while silver, nickel and copper showed big gains in production over 1923. It was a great year for the mines, for the value in 1924 reached \$9,500,000, an advance of nearly \$1,000,000 over the total value for 1923. Gold production reached 1,255,000 fine ounces, valued at \$1,522,000; Ontario mines contributed 1,220,000 ounces. Silver bullion was 1,700,000 ounces higher at a total of 20,352,000 fine ounces, valued at \$12,444,000; about one-half of this was from Ontario mines and most of the rest from British Columbia. Nickel production advanced from 61,500,000 pounds to 62,500,000 pounds. Copper production reached a total of 10,165,000 pounds, or 16 per cent. above the 1923 production. Lead production reached a record at 16,713,500 pounds and also reached a new level at \$9,000,000.

Exporting Canadian Potatoes

Maritime Provinces Have Developed a New Market

A notable feature recently has been the arrival in England of large shipments of Canadian potatoes, written Dominion Commissioner Harrison Watson, London, England, in a recent issue of the official Canadian Intelligence Journal. "These have been considered to be the best potatoes in the United Kingdom, and although no definite figures have as yet been issued, the receipts up to date must amount to at least 100,000 tons. This is an extremely large trade and it is chiefly due to the enterprise shown by some important exporters of the Maritime Provinces. It is understood that the prices being realized, while not having any excessive margin for profit, are satisfactory to the growers. This trade has served to introduce to British importers a Canadian variety of potato—the "Green Wonder"—the excellence of which is being universally recognized."

Scotland Protects Forests

Does Not Want to Depend on Foreign Timber

Over 100,000 acres of young forest seedlings are in the nurseries of the Forestry Commission in Scotland. These are being utilized to make good the conditions of the war and to have as far as possible this country's dependence upon foreign timber. During the war 250,000 acres of wood lands in Scotland were denuded of their crops. The Forestry Commission, which started operations a year after the Armistice, has already re-planted 14,000 acres, and has another 4,800 acres on the programme for this season.

Alberta Highways

Four Hundred Miles of Main Roads Completed

About 400 miles of main highways were completed in Alberta during 1924. During the period January 1 to October 31, 1924, 159 miles of main, 545 tons of butter, and 12,500,000 bushels of grain were shipped to this market as compared with 50 tons, 120 tons and 3,500,000 bushels respectively, for the whole of 1923.

Exports To Orient

Alberta is Developing a Considerable Export Trade in Products

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Settlers For Alberta

Nearly ten thousand people reached Alberta as settlers during the eight months' period between August and November, inclusive. A total of 6,435 came from overseas and 2,369 from the United States.

Railway Ties For Britain

A further order for \$500,000 worth of railway ties or sleepers, has been received by British Columbia sawmills from buyers in the British Isles. At the present time sawmills in the province have on order 20,000,000 feet of railway tie to be delivered by the end of next March.

Will Help Resources

Provinces Masters of Natural Resources and Sea Bays Quebec Premier

With the declaration that public opinion in Quebec is now unanimous in favor of the Premier's statement declared in the legislature that the province would fight to the limit any effort to restrict the power of the government to export hydro power. He declared that any contracts entered into to this end would be made at the risk of the province's power and suggested that United States interests against their plants in Quebec, and then advised any complications that might eventually arise.

"I believe that the provinces are masters of their natural resources and that the federal government should take necessary action in a general way, when such provision might suit one province and be disastrous to the other. In my opinion it is absolutely necessary to define the rights of two authorities, provincial and federal."

Saskatchewan Coal

Yearly Output From Mines Gradually Increasing

The Saskatchewan coal fields, while not anything like as extensive as those in U.S. for example, are estimated to contain some 60,000,000,000 tons. The development of these areas has not been rapid, but that of the Alberta fields, but the output is annually growing. In 1922 the total annual production was 35,437; an increase of 20,116 tons for 1923. In 1924 the total was 53,130, or an increased production of 5,693 over the year 1922. In 1925 final figures will show the rate of production maintained with a total production of over half a million tons.

Lumber In Toys

Lumber To Value of \$35,000,000 Used In Making Toys

The value of the lumber industry in the United States is estimated to be \$35,000,000. The statement is made that more than 20,000,000 feet of lumber goes into the making of toys. It is stated that nearly 400 establishments in the United States took orders from Santa Claus. One manufacturer of toys in New York state uses 2,000,000 feet of lumber every year, and the total value of the products of the industry in all parts of the United States reaches \$25,000,000.

A Boomerang

Says Those Who Lessen Production Help to Reduce Standard of Living

H. J. CHYRES, Lord Privy Seal and Deputy Leader in the British House of Commons in the recent Labor government, speaking at Leeds recently about workers who deliberately reduce the volume of the national wealth by lessening their output, said that each workman at the same time was reducing their own chance of raising the standard of living.

Out Of Fish Contest

The volume of the national wealth is reduced at the elaborate wedding. "Are you the groom?" he asked a melancholy looking man. "No," replied the young man replied. "It was eliminated in the preliminary try-outs."

Bounded Bad

Physicist Professor (assigning house name). "Tomorrow start with lightning and go to thunder?"

Scientists Predict Great Drought Over The Whole World For The Year Just Commenced

Freight Was Cancelled

Steamship Company Foregoes Charges On Celebrated Clydesdale Horse Presented to Saskatchewan

A London business note from London, Ontario, has contributed the freight on Clyde Fyvie and the cost of building the special stall which this choice Clydesdale steed occupied on the trip from Hong Kong to Canada, was announced by H. C. M. Hamilton, Provincial Minister of Agriculture. In a letter received by Robert Simpson from D. S. MacNair, Freight Manager of the Anchor-Donalson Line, Mr. MacNair stated:

"Under the circumstances of the horse shipped by the Anchor-Donalson Line to your province from Mr. John Cocker and Mr. James Kirkpatrick, we think we might justly claim a small measure of forgiveness for the freight and the cost of the stall. This stall, as you well know, was specially built and cost us well over \$100."

"The generous co-operation of this big Scottish steamship company in bringing Clyde Fyvie from Hong Kong to Canada is highly appreciated by the Department of Agriculture and the University of Saskatchewan," stated Mr. Hamilton, "and ought to convince all who upon the Scottish route as inclined to be 'canny' with their money that Scotsmen can also be generous on a big scale when the occasion warrants."

Shipping More Cattle

Thirty Thousand More Head Sent To United Kingdom Last Year

Final figures showing the cattle exports to the United Kingdom for 1924, were issued by the department of agriculture. All told 81,000 cattle were shipped overseas, as against 67,218 in the preceding year.

During the final week of 1924, there were 3,278 head shipped which was a 100 per cent. increase over the last week of 1923. Throughout 1924 the rate for ocean carriage was 75¢ per head and all the traffic was handled by three private steamship lines and the Canadian Government Merchant Marine.

The cargo was carried by the White Star Line, one of the three private companies.

British Farmers Object

Recent Proposal of British Government to Facilitate Imports

Competition from any quarter is competition nevertheless, and British farmers are not slow to voice their objections to the tariff on British goods from foreign lands. The National Farmers' Union of Great Britain has expressed its opposition to the British government's proposal of 1924, to facilitate the import of wheat, meat and fruit from foreign lands. In Canada manufacturers who feel the pinch of British competition would take the same line. If it were proposed to make further reductions in the tariff on British goods, these difficulties are likely to arise in any system of preferential trade, but are completely overlooked by those who talk expensively of making the Empire together by fiscal ties.—Toronto Globe.

Demand For Butter

Canada Exported 21,876,033 Lbs. Of Butter In 1924

During the twelve months ending November 31, Canada exported 21,876,033 lbs. of butter, valued at \$7,675,000, as compared with 12,855,073 lbs. of butter, worth \$4,322,437 in the corresponding period of the previous year, according to a bulletin issued by the Federal Department of Agriculture. These heavier exports have been due chiefly to the increase in production in Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Canada Ceded by Britain in 1763

The treaty of Paris, by which Canada was ceded to France by Great Britain, was signed in Paris on February 10, 1763. Governor Vaudreuil had surrendered Canada to General Amherst on September 8, 1759, and from that time the British had been in possession of the country and had administered it. The treaty made the reason complete and final.

Algonia Magnetic Ore

The magnetic iron ore of Algonia can be treated to give it sufficient commercial value for a market in the world, is the opinion of Dr. W. L. E. of the Ontario department of mines.

The year 1924 will be the first in the universe has experienced this century, an official of the British Meteorological department told the Associated Press in explanation of a new discovery which departmental experts have made, and which, it is declared, enables them to pick out the wet and dry years to come.

This statement was made after much study on the part of weather scientists and as a result of the discovery that as the clouds connect in great belts between Britain, and the frequency of solar prominence. The latter are explained to be the nucleus of flaming gas that dart out from the sun's surface, reaching to a height of 250,000 miles and at a speed of more than 150 miles an hour.

Experts have spent three years in the study of this phenomenon, and have learned that the interval between the years when these giant fireworks are prominent is about 11 years, and is shorter during the last half century, while the periodicity of wet years in England has shown a corresponding change. The mathematical curves indicate a relationship that is too delicate to be overlooked, say the departmental scientists.

This relation is nothing new. It was noticed about 1667, and for the next 250 years the fact of the relation was noted, but the other four being dry or normal. All this time the solar prominences were appearing regularly and with a regularity of the last 25 years the flames appeared infrequently and continued to appear at regular intervals. From 1590 to 1921 the flames were more active and alternate years were wet and dry.

The frequency of the flames in 1921 appears to have been the turning point, for now the department experts have forecast for the next best period of increased solar activity the years will be in cycles of three, two wet years and one dry one. The year 1924 is a wet year, the last year of the late period, therefore the years 1923 and 1924 have been the wet ones. The frequency of the flames in 1921 appears to have been the turning point, for now the department experts have forecast for the next best period of increased solar activity the years will be in cycles of three, two wet years and one dry one. The year 1924 is a wet year, the last year of the late period, therefore the years 1923 and 1924 have been the wet ones.

The Grasshopper Hawk

It Has Been Found That The Sparrow Hawk Is Partial to Grasshoppers

The sparrow hawk is a bird well known as the sparrow hawk, may have undergone a change of name. Its diet of small birds and mammals is well known, but it has been found that it has been known up to the present time. It is now discovered to be an insectivore, and it is now known that the grasshopper hawk has been known to take taken such toll of crops in the western provinces. Examinations of the stomachs of the birds during the past ten years in various localities, including many of the states of the American Union, have proved that the sparrow hawk is a true insectivore. It takes a considerable portion of the diet of the sparrow hawk, the remains of as many as forty grasshoppers having been discovered in a single specimen. It is now reported by Mr. H. J. Seaman of the Entomological Laboratory maintained by the Dominion Department of Agriculture at Lethbridge, Alberta, that a movement is on foot to change the name of the bird from sparrow hawk to grasshopper hawk.

Fox Industry Doubles In Year

Over 10,000 Foxes Killed Last Year

Lock boxes were inspected and registered in the office of the Canadian National (Livestock) Records. This brings the total number of foxes killed to date up to more than 20,000, the industry having doubled in one year. Prince Edward Island leads in this line. Lower losses last year, but were due to date up to the island province last year, many of this shipment going to the United States.

Toll Of Great Lakes 1924

Fifty-three lives and 15 boats, the greatest in a number of years, were lost on the Great Lakes during 1924, reports of underwriters revealed. The greatest loss of life was the steamship "Albatross," which was lost in Lake Huron during the week of September 21, 26 members of the crew and 3 passengers going down with the ship.

Here's a Subject for Debate—Would the Prince of Wales enjoy his trip or

Accorded to reduce, under grow the number of his trips, but not to date up to the island province last year, many of this shipment going to the United States.



GUELPH'S FIRST HOUSE TO BE RESTORED

At the instance of the Wellington Historical Society, the old Priory building of Guelph, Ontario, erected nearly a century ago by John Galt, the founder of that city, is to be restored. The various trades unions in Guelph have offered to contribute to the restoration and an energetic campaign is now being carried on among the citizens to raise the balance of the money required to rebuild, in replica, the building as it stood on completion ninety-seven years ago. The old building was removed from its original site many years ago, and some of the original logs were replaced with new ones, but there are still many of the timbers remaining that were placed in position by the Canada Company's axemen in 1827. For some years the old Priory building was utilized as a passenger station by the Canadian Pacific, but it was abandoned as a station when the town of Guelph outgrew it. Tradition has it that Galt, taking an axe from one of the axemen struck the first blow against the first tree to be felled, after which he and his party drank to the prosperity of Guelph.

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About Town and Country

The westbound train now leaves Oyen at 12:13 a.m., daily except Monday. The eastbound train now leaves at 3:28 a.m., daily except Sunday.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Gus Morris at Oyen Hospital, on Friday, January 16, a daughter.

Mrs. L. J. Wood returned to Oyen last Friday from Alaska to assist on the staff at Oyen Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Aylesworth left last Saturday for Calgary, where the former will spend one month inspecting schools in the city.

Miss Kathleen Lynett who arrived in town from Calgary last week is visiting her brother Rev. C. Lynett. Miss Lynett's friends in this district will be pleased to learn she is making steady recovery after her recent illness and operation.

Elmer C. Hallman left last Thursday to take up his duties on the staff of the Vermillion School of Agriculture, where he will lecture on farm management. Mr. Hallman expects to be at Vermillion for two months.

Mrs. R. McLaren, who has been visiting at High River, returned to Oyen on Monday.

The fifth installment of "Captain Blood" a novel by Rafael Sabatini will be found on page six. Don't miss reading the story.

Don't forget the broomball games to-night at the skating rink.

Robert McCallum of Sunnydale is a Calgary business visitor this week.

The delayed tax notices for village taxes will be out this week. Ratepayers are urged to take advantage of the 5 per cent discount offered on current (1924) taxes paid on or before January 31.

A directors meeting of the Oyen Agricultural Society was held last Saturday, when R. E. Gillespie was appointed delegate to attend the annual convention of Alberta Fair Associations to be held in Calgary, February 4-5. W. V. Miller was appointed secretary-treasurer for 1925.

The past few days have been pleasantly mild, but we are warned that there is stormy weather in the offing. See that your coal pile is in good shape for the end of the month.

A rink skipped by M. G. Whitlock will attend the Calgary 'spiel' next week.

Alaskan and Craigville bonspiels are in progress. Each started yesterday.

J. T. Smith of Fairacres left on Tuesday for Calgary, where he will spend a few days.

W. T. A. Walker is a delegate from Oyen Local, to the annual convention of the U. F. A. in session this week in Calgary.

R. Cates is in Calgary this week attending the Provincial seed fair and U. F. A. convention.

The reward for a good deed is to have done it.

In Lighter Vein

Man seldom gets the last word, but he can beat any woman slugging the door, murmurs the local wag.

Mother—"Mary, aren't you getting too big to play with boys?"

Mary—"No Mother. The bigger I get the better I like 'em."

"You naughty boy," said the mother, "just look at your new suit! You've been fighting again. I know. And now you'll have to have a new suit."

"Don't you worry," said Billy. "I think Freddie's mother will have to buy a new boy."

"Are there any marks on the baby?" asked the anxious father.

The doctor looked the new arrival over carefully and replied—"Yes he's marked C.O.D."

It must take a girl a long time to get out of the habit of getting into her knickers without sliding them over her head.

The tourist from the East had stopped to change tires in a desolate region not far from here. "I suppose," he remarked to an onlooker, "that even in these isolated parts the bare necessities of life have risen tremendously in price."

"Yer right, stranger," replied the native, gloomily, "an' it ain't worth drinkin' when ye get it."

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Oyen Lodge No. 16

There will be a meeting in our Castle Hall on February 12, 1925.

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Craigville—January 20-21-22
Kindersley—February 3-4-5-6
Vermillion—February 10-11-12
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Here and There

At the close of Montreal's 1924 season of ocean traffic on December 5, the Harbor Master announced that 1,222 ocean and coasting ships arrived in the port during the year as against 1,114 in 1923 and 1,194 in 1922, the best previous season. It is believed that a new record has also been established in the number of lake vessels visiting the port.

The service operated by the Laurentide Air Service to the goldfields of Roxy, Que., which was successfully inaugurated this summer, will be continued during the coming winter. Travellers will make the journey in luxury, closed machines with plush seats and a carrying capacity of six passengers being employed.

Canada stands out to the intending British emigrant as the most attractive of the Dominions, according to General Bramwell Booth, head of the Salvation Army, who has just completed a tour of this country. The army is now considering the establishment in western Canada of a training school for boys who wish to take up farming there.

Another fine new station was made available to the public by the Canadian Pacific Railway when the company's new building at Schreiber, Ont., was opened by H. J. Humphrey, general superintendent of the Algoma district, on December 11. This structure, which replaces the former frame building, is of modern fireproof construction. It will also house the superintendent of the Schreiber division and his staff.

Within a radius of forty miles from Taber, a small town in the heart of the settled southern district of Alberta, antelopes estimated to number 1,000 are running wild. The prairie antelope was once almost extinct but protective measures put into force have saved the species. Present indications are that this splendid game animal may soon increase to an extent rendering an open season possible and adding greatly to Alberta's attraction for sportsmen.

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TENDERS WANTED

TENDERS WANTED—The Capper Beef Ring of Capper, Alta., want tenders for the position of Butcher, to a 20 member Beef Ring. Duties to commence on Wednesday June 8. The slaughter-house will be located at Mike Neville's residence on Section 16-25-5. Animals supplied will dress 400 lbs. and must be allowed to hang overnight before being cut up. Butcher to supply his own tools for killing, cutting, and weighing. All tenders must be in by the 15th of February. Mail tenders to R. B. Horne, Secretary Capper, Alta.